Cottage industries—revival of.

13. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are taking any steps to revive and encourage cottage industries in the State;

(2) if so, what are they?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—(1) Yes.

(2) They are conducting a preliminary survey with a view to ascertain the scope for development and then adopt suitable measures for it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Did not the Officer appointed for conducting the Survey submit two reports already?

Mr. I. N Menon:—He has not completed the survey. He has submitted only two interim reports.

Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar:—Are there not official reports so far as the villages surveyed are concerned?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—On some villages, yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Do not these reports contain specific recommendations for encouragement of cottage industries?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know whether they have any idea of the most important revivable cottage industries in the state?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—The interim report relates only to certain villages. Until there is a final report it is not possible to express an opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Apart from the Survey has he any information on his own initiative?

Mr I. N: Menon:— I may say for instance the coir industry.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— When we make specific recommendations as regards specific cottage industries Government tells us 'you please wait for the Survey Committee Report.' We have appointed a Committee. That Committee makes specific recommendations that cottage industries should be started in special areas and the Government does not take any step to improve those cottage industries. Is the Government going to wait for the complete report of that officer or is there any harm in their accepting recommendations piece-meal?

Mr. I. N Menon:— I do not think it will be proper to inaugurate any measures until we have a complete and comprehensive report with regard to the whole State.

Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Are the Government going to survey the whole State?

Mr. I. N. Menon— Not all the villages; but typical areas.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— He has already finished one or two typical villages and submitted independent reports for those villages and made specific recommendations. May I know what stands in the way of the Government in accepting them?

Mr I. N.Menon:— I have already explained it is just possible to take up one locality and then start industries there. But I think it will be much better to wait till a comprehensive report is received of the economic survy which relates to typical villages in the State and inaugurate a comprehensive policy which will comprehend all the several industries in the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Have the Government, Sir, any idea of starting State-owned industries ?

Mr. President:— That question does not arise.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar:— Is a special survey being conducted of cottage industries ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— It forms a very important part of the economic survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Cannot Cottage industries be revived under State control ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— The report of the economic survey should be able to say definitely whether it should.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—Is it not better to have it done piecemeal ? We have been waiting eternally for the report.

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There may be greater advantages to the taxpayer by having a comprehensive scheme at the end.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— May I know what are those advantages?

Mr. President:— Hon'ble Members must keep in mind a fundamental rule in future. Questions are primarily intended for asking of information and not for discussion of subjects.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know by what time the Hon'ble Member hopes to get the survey report ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— The Survey on the present lines I think will be completed within 6 months. Whatever remains to be done will be done on a different basis and more rapidly.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen:— May I know, Sir, whether an interim report on Choondal village has not been submitted ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen:—Which are the villages surveyed?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Some of the villages in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, some of the western portions of Trichur Taluk and a few in Chittur. A complete Report has not been received.

Mr. K. S. Manickam:—May I know, Sir, whether a survey is being conducted with regard to the 'Pakku-vettu' industry ?

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Mr. President:—What is it?

Mr. K. S. Manickam:—I want to know whether this 'Pakkuvettu' industry has been included in the list of cottage industries for which the Survey is being conducted.

Mr. President:—A general Survey is being conducted without any reference to any particular cottage industry.

Mr. P. J. Alexander:—May I know, Sir, whether the officer deputed for this survey has any special experience in industrial line?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—He has experience of surveys, of collecting facts and datas.

Rao Bahadur Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar—second pension—grant of.

14. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many years did Rao Bahadur Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar serve the Government during his second tenure of office;

(2) whether he was given a second pension;

(3) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative,

(a) what is the amount;

(b) whether there were any special reasons for granting the same?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) 2 years, 10 months and 21 days.

(2) Yes.

(3) (a) Rs. 60 per mensem.

(b) Yes. It was given in consideration of the good services rendered by Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar and of the high offices held by him.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—What is the basis on which the amount was fixed?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—It has not been fixed with reference to any basis whatsoever.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Is it the practice of the Government to reward good services by pensions? Do they do that in all cases? May I know what the good services are which Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar did in the second term of his office?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—He had been doing various functions as the Diwan Peishkar and as the Diwan. Is that what the Member wants?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Any concrete instance that we can understand. The re-organization of the office of the Director

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